

N-N-bar Oscillation and Physics Beyond standard model

R. N. Mohapatra



2012 Project X Physics Study (PXPS12)

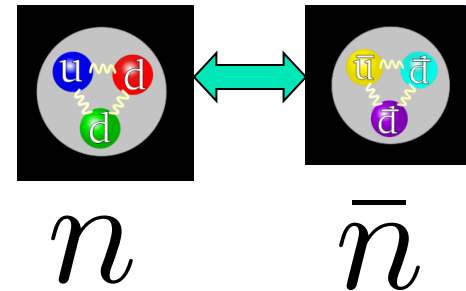
Fermilab, June, 2012

What is N-Nbar oscillation ?

- Neutrons in vacuum and low magnetic field spontaneously converting to anti-neutron.

- Free oscillation time

$$\tau_{n\bar{n}} = \frac{\hbar}{\delta m_{n\bar{n}}}$$



- Transition probability:

$$P_{n \rightarrow \bar{n}} \approx \left(\frac{t}{\tau_{n\bar{n}}} \right)^2$$

- # of events: $N P_{n \rightarrow \bar{n}}$ x running time (N=neutron flux)

- Current direct search limit **ILL** $\tau > 8.6 \times 10^7$ sec

- $\rightarrow \delta m_{n\bar{n}} < 10^{-32} \text{ GeV}$

- $\tau_{n\bar{n}}$ can be probed up to 10^{10-11} sec. (Kamyshkov and Snow's talk)

- $\delta m_{n\bar{n}}$ is the particle physics probe !!

Given this limit on $\tau_{n\bar{n}}$ why are nuclei stable ?

- Oscillation inside nuclei are suppressed

by the factor $\left(\frac{\delta m_{n\bar{n}}}{V_n - V_{\bar{n}}} \right)^2 \leq 10^{-62}$

- More detailed calculation: (Dover, Gal, Richard; Vainstein's talk)

$$\tau_{Nuc} = R \tau_{n\bar{n}}^2 \quad R = 0.3 \times 10^{23} \text{ sec}^{-1} \rightarrow \tau_{Nuc} \geq 10^{32} \text{ yrs}$$

- Super-K search (Kearns' talk) $\tau_{n\bar{n}} > 2.44 \times 10^8 \text{ sec.}$



Why is it important to search for $NN\bar{b}$?

- Many reasons to believe that **baryon number (B) is not a good symmetry of nature** :
Sphalerons in SM , GUTs, origin of matter etc.
- If B is violated, important to determine the selection rules: $B=1$ (p-decay) or $B=2$ ($NN\bar{b}$) ?
 - i) What is the scale at which B- symmetry is broken ?
 $NN\bar{b} \rightarrow$ lower scale physics than usual p-decay
 - ii) $NN\bar{b}$ oscillation intimately connected to neutrino mass physics when combined with quark-lepton unification

(i) Operator analysis and scale reach of NNbar

SM particles $O_{\Delta B=2} = \frac{1}{M^5} u^c d^c d^c u^c d^c d^c \quad \mathbf{d=9}$

Note M^5 suppression

$$\delta m_{n-\bar{n}} = O_{\Delta B=2} \Lambda_{QCD}^6 \quad (\text{Lattice talks})$$

$$\tau_{n-\bar{n}} = \hbar / \delta m_{n-\bar{n}} \sim M^5 / \Lambda^6 \rightarrow \tau_{n\bar{n}} \sim 10^8 s. \quad M \approx 10^{5.5} GeV$$

TeV diquarks: $\rightarrow \Delta_{u^c d^c} \rightarrow \frac{1}{M} d^c d^c \Delta_{u^c d^c} \Delta_{u^c d^c}$

Probe $M_{\{B-L\}}$ to $10^{15} GeV$

P-decay $\rightarrow \frac{1}{M^2} QQQQL$

$$M \geq 10^{15} GeV$$



(ii) Neutrino mass NNbar connection

- SM has exact global **B-L** symmetry !!
- If neutrino is Majorana fermion, it breaks **L**-part of **B-L**
- observation of $\beta\beta_{0\nu}$ decay will be a significant discovery which will confirm this but will not tell us much about associated new physics.
- N-N-bar oscillation breaks B-part of B-L and provide complementary information-
e.g. if NN-bar is observed, either all or surely some of nu-mass physics is at the TeV scale and will be accessible in other expts e.g. LHC, FCNC, edm



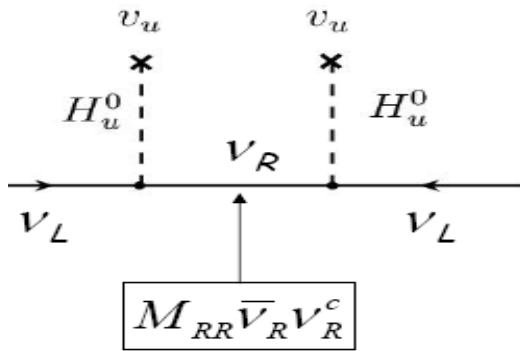
Questions for N - N -bar oscillation

- Are there decent (**predictive?**) theories explaining small neutrino masses which give observable N - N -bar oscillation ?
- Implications of observable N - N -bar for cosmology i.e. does it affect conventional explanations of origin of matter/can it explain itself ?
- Two examples of models for NN bar:

- (i) **TeV scale Seesaw + Quark-Lepton unif.**
- (ii) **$SO(10)$ GUT scale seesaw + TeV sextets**

Majorana neutrino mass via seesaw and $NN\bar{\nu}$

- SM+ right handed neutrinos N_R with Majorana mass (~~$B-L$~~)



$$m_\nu \cong -\frac{h_\nu^2 v_{wk}^2}{M_R}$$

Minkowsk'77i; Gell-Mann, Ramond, Slansky; Yanagida; Glashow, Mohapatra, Senjanovic'79

- $M_R \ll M_{Pl} \rightarrow B-L$ a gauge symmetry \rightarrow N Majorana mass arises from a new Higgs vev $\langle \Delta_R \rangle$ (like SM fermion masses from $\langle H \rangle$):
- What is $\langle \Delta_R \rangle$, the actual scale of B-L breaking ?
- Do quarks and leptons unify to big picture of flavor ?
- $NN\bar{\nu}$ search can answer these questions !!

A UNIFIED TEV SCALE

EMBEDDING OF SEESAW

- If Q-L unified at the seesaw, a model is

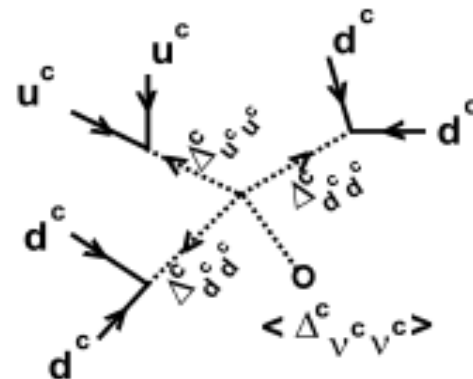
$$SU(2)_L \times SU(2)_R \times SU(4)_c \begin{pmatrix} u & u & u & \nu \\ d & d & d & e \end{pmatrix}_{L,R}$$

→ SU(4) generalization of the seesaw Higgs field Δ_R has partners Δ_{qq} connecting to quarks

→ N-N-bar Feynman graph;

(Mohapatra, Marshak'80)

→ No proton decay.



$$\frac{\lambda f^3 \nu_{BL}}{M_\Delta^6}$$

- Colored seesaw partners at TeV scale → $\tau \sim 10^{10-11}$ sec.



Low scale NNbar model and origin of matter

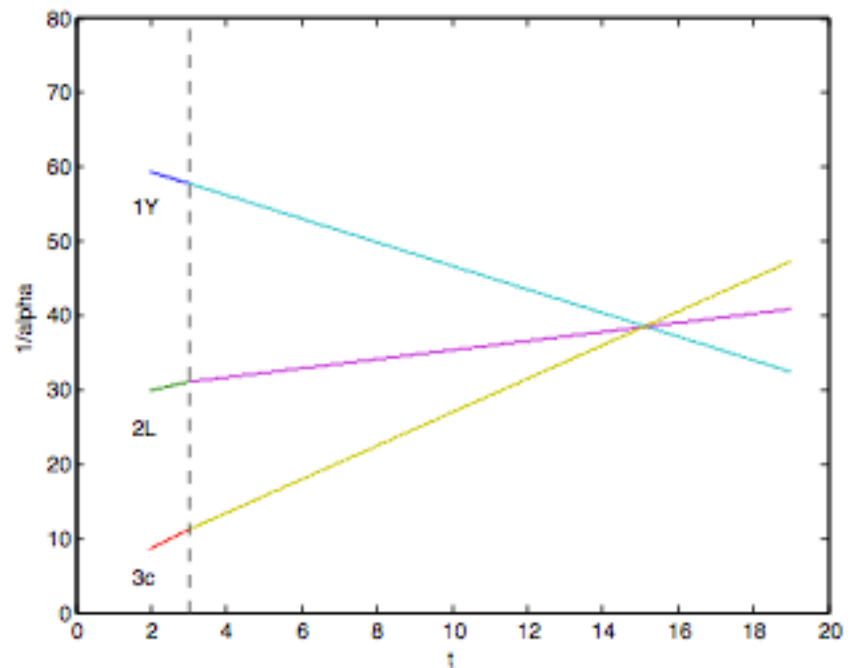
- Only constraint on model is from nu masses. Without additional assumption, this model cannot predict $\tau_{n\bar{n}}$
- Assumption of low scale baryogenesis puts constraints on the $SU(2)_L \times SU(2)_R \times SU(4)_C$ model parameters and makes a prediction: (Babu's talk 6/16)
- For a B-L scale < 50 TeV, the constraints put an upper bound NNbar transition time $< 10^{11}$ sec.
- **No NNbar till 10^{11} s., will rule out this model for post sphaleron baryogenesis if $v_{BL} < 50$ TeV**
(Babu, Dev, RNM'PRD'09)

Seesaw in SO(10) –Another predictive model for NNbar

- Coupling unification fixes the mass scales as in the case of proton decay:
- In a minimal SO(10) embedding of seesaw, f_{ab} determined from fermion mass fits
 - (Babu, Mohapatra'93; Fukuyama, Okada'02; Bajc, Senjanovic, Vissani'02; Goh, Mohapatra, Ng'03 Babu, Macesanu'05; Bertolini, Malinsky, Schwetz'06; Joshipura, Patel'11)
- Predicts correct θ_{23}, θ_{12} and $\sin^2 2\theta_{13} \simeq 0.09$
- Model has diquarks at sub-TeV scale to have unification and they lead to observable NNbar !

New Unification profile

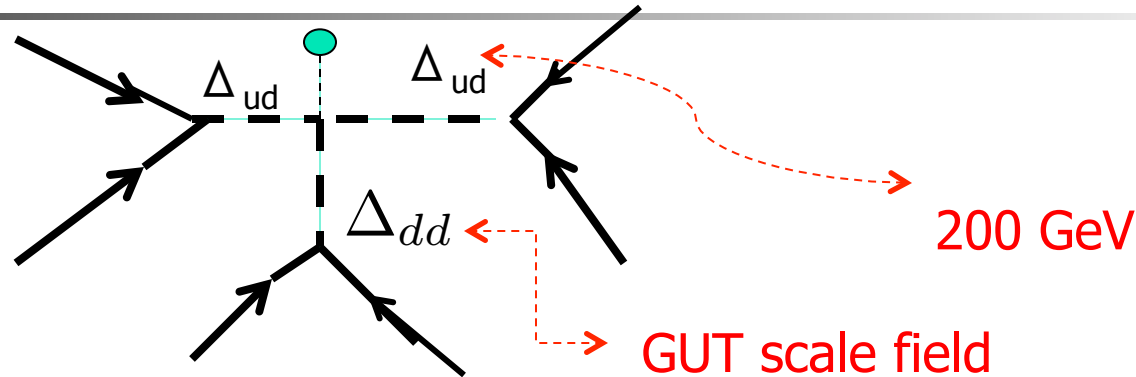
- Non-SUSY SO(10) does not unify without low scale particles,
- Coupling unif with sub-TeV $\Delta_{ud}(6, 1, \frac{1}{3})$ + 2 SM triplets + 2 Higgs;
- Predicts seesaw scale near $M_U \sim 10^{16}$ GeV;
- Δ_{ud} mass ~ 2 TeV
- $M_U \sim 10^{15.7}$ GeV \rightarrow
 $\tau_{p \rightarrow e^+ + \pi^0} \simeq 3.2 \times 10^{34} \text{ yrs}$ close to current limit.



(Babu, Mohapatra, arXiv:1206.xxxx)

Estimate of N-N-bar oscillation time

Diagram:



$$G_{\Delta B=2} \simeq \frac{\lambda f_{11}^3 \eta^3}{\lambda' M_U M_{\Delta_{ud}}^4} \simeq \frac{\lambda}{\lambda'} 10^{-33} \text{GeV}^{-5}$$

Predicts $\tau_{n-\bar{n}} \sim 10^{10} - 10^{13} \text{ sec.}$

Constraints of adequate baryogenesis enhances this to $\tau_{n-\bar{n}} \sim 10^8 - 10^{11} \text{ sec.}$

New Particles at LHC:

Color sextet scalars Δ_{qq}

- TeVColor sextets are an inherent part of both models ;
Can be searched at LHC:

(I) **Single production:** $ud \rightarrow \Delta_{ud} \rightarrow tj$

xsection calculated in (RNM, Okada, Yu' 07;) resonance peaks above SM background- decay to tj;

- **Important LHC signature:** $\sigma(tt) > \sigma(\bar{t}\bar{t})$

(II) **Drell-Yan pair production** $q\bar{q} \rightarrow G \rightarrow \Delta_{ud}\bar{\Delta}_{ud}$

- Leads to $tj\bar{t}j$ final states: **LHC reach < TeV**

Origin of matter and neutron oscillation

■ Current scenarios:

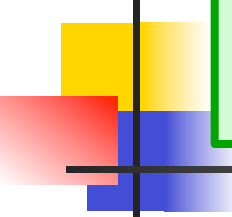
- (i) Leptogenesis; Related to seesaw; but hard to test !
- (ii) Electroweak baryogenesis :

$M_{\text{higgs}} < 127 \text{ GeV}; \quad m_{\tilde{t}} \leq 120 \text{ GeV}$ (puts MSSM under tension)

■ New scenarios: (Babu's talk)

- (iii) Post sphaleron Baryogenesis
 - (iv) GUT baryogenesis
- } both connected to $NN\bar{b}$ osc.

- Non-observation of $NN\bar{b}$ upto 10^{11} sec. will rule out simple models for PSB as well as the particular $SO(10)$ model.



Benchmark goal for ruling out new physics scenarios

- **No $N\bar{N}$ oscillation till 10^{11} sec. \rightarrow**

- ★ Will rule out a class of $SU(2) \times SU(2) \times SU(4)_C$ models for post sphaleron baryogenesis (perhaps even a larger class class of models) !!

- ★ Will rule out a sub-class of non-susy $SO(10)$ models for neutrino masses that predicted recently observed large θ_{13} if it is to explain the origin of matter.

Implications of NNbar observation for low energy

- FCNC effects in the B and D-sector: could reconcile anomalies e.g. ϵ_K vs $\sin 2\beta$, B-decays etc.
- EDM of neutron from PSB \rightarrow non-zero at two loop
- Strange dibaryon decay: $NN \rightarrow KK + X$ (Glashow)
Mediated only by $\Delta_{ud.dd}$: Related to $\Lambda - \bar{\Lambda}$ transition
 $\tau_{Nuc} = R \tau_{free}^2$ formula implies: $\tau_{KK} \sim 10^{34} - 10^{35} \text{ yrs}$
Current Super -K upper limit: $> 1.7 \times 10^{32} \text{ yrs}$.

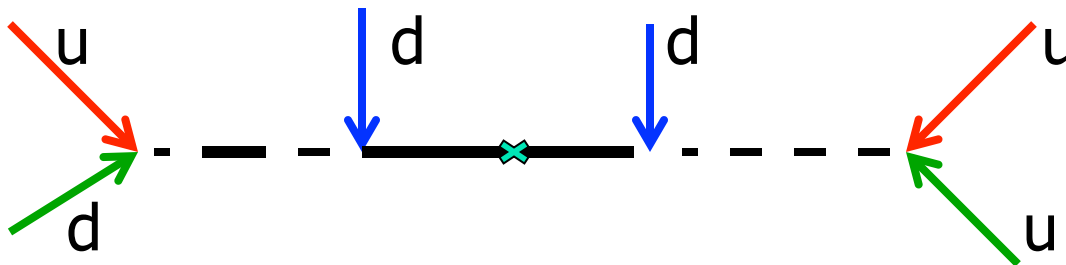
Other theories for NN-bar

■ TeV scale extra Dim models:

Dvali, Gabadadze; J. N. Ng, Winslow;
Nussinov, Shrock

■ Gluino graphs in GUTs:

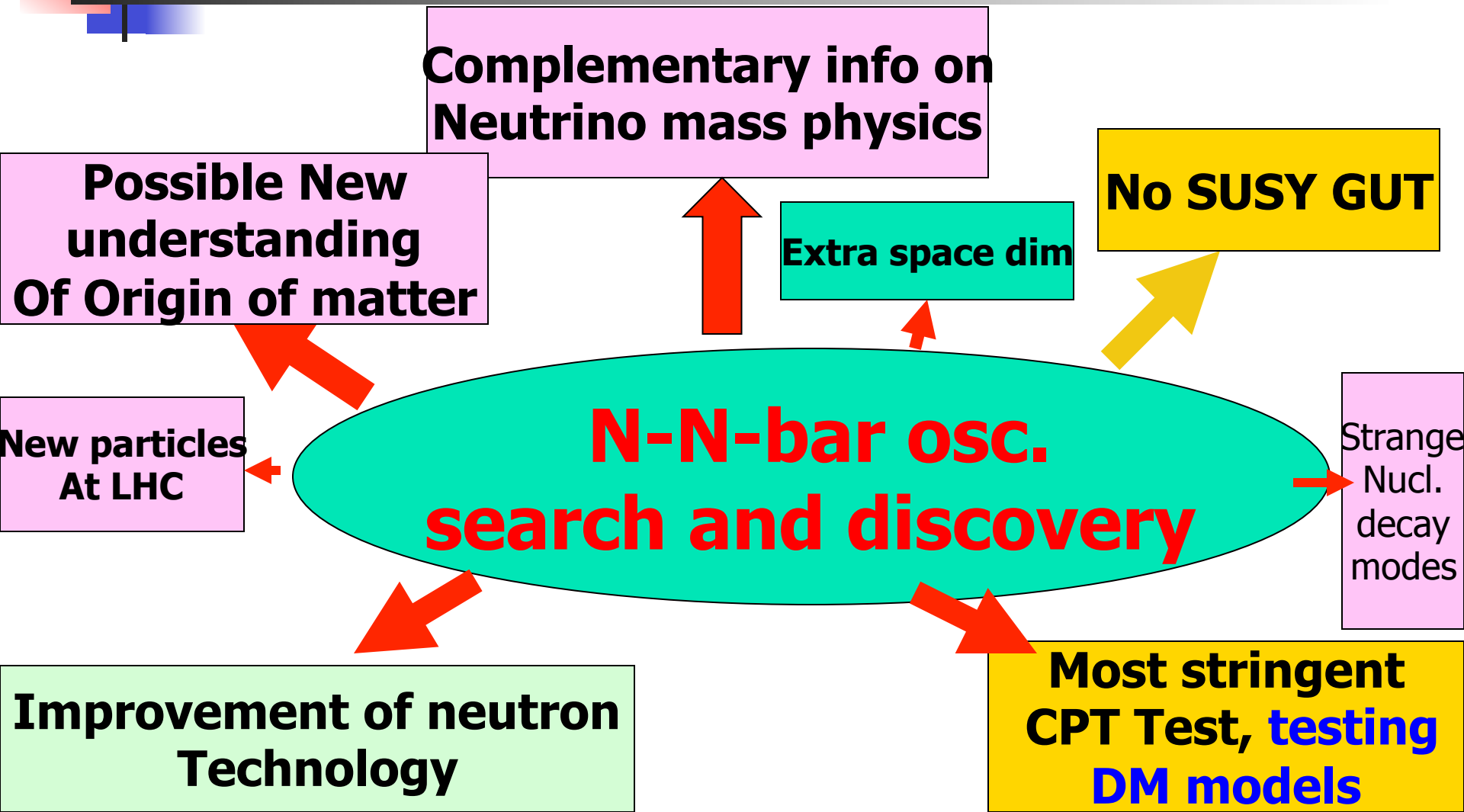
Zwirner (RPV), RNM, Valle (E_6); Babu, RNM; Goity, Sher;.



What else can we learn from direct $N\bar{N}$ search?

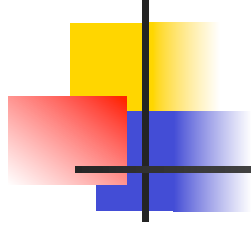
- Can test some dark matter hypothesis e.g. if a dark neutron n' is dark matter (ADM models):
- $n' \longleftrightarrow n$ oscillation can deplete dark matter density and this can be searched for in direct $n\bar{n}$ searches; current limit > 1 s. (Bento, Berezhiani)
(possibly a signal ?)
- If $N\bar{N}$ is discovered, it will put the strongest limit on CPT violation- (Okun; Addazzi, BLV2011)

NN-bar oscillation- gold mine of new physics info— 10^{11} sec. benchmark goal



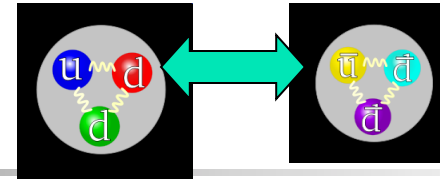
Predictions vs Discoveries: A historical perspective

Process	Predicted ?	Implications of non-discovery
CP Violation	No	nothing
m_c, m_b, m_t	No	a lot
W, Z	Yes	a lot
P decay		
$p \rightarrow e^+ + \pi^0$	yes	GUT idea
	$\tau > 10^{35}$ yrs	in trouble
$p \rightarrow K^+ \bar{\nu}$	No	Nothing



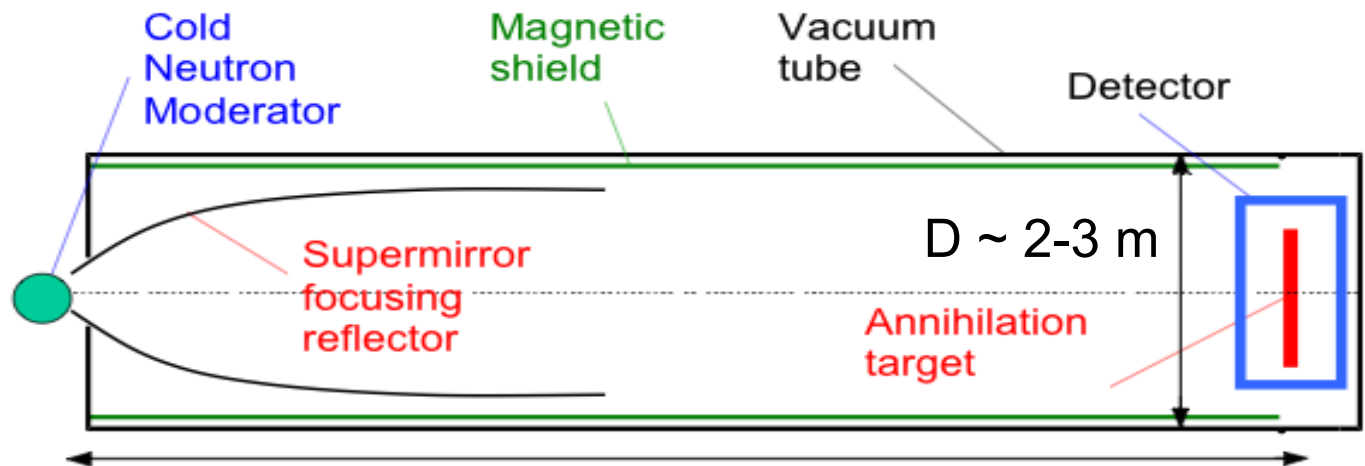
Thank you for your attention !

Search for N-N-bar Osc. current status



- **Free neutron oscillation in reactors: generic setup**

(talks by Snow, Young)



$L = 300 \text{ m}$

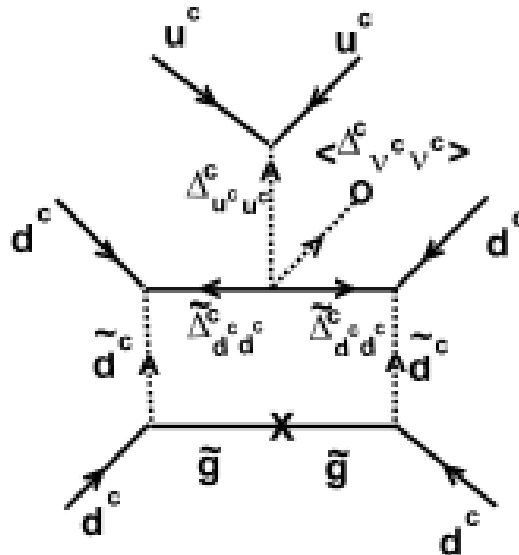
with $L \sim 90 \text{ m}$ and $\langle t \rangle = 0.11 \text{ sec}$
measured $P_{n\bar{n}} < 1.6 \times 10^{-18}$
 $\tau > 8.6 \times 10^7 \text{ sec}$

- **Current bound (ILL' 94)**

- **No new search after that**

Estimate of N-N-bar with susy

New Feynman diagram for N-N-bar osc.



$$G_{N-\bar{N}} \simeq \frac{f \tilde{g}}{\lambda^2 M_{\text{seesaw}}^2 v_{\text{uk}}^2}$$

$M_{\text{seesaw}} \sim 10^{11} \text{ GeV}$, typical $f, \lambda, \tau_{N-\bar{N}} \sim 10^{10} \text{ sec.}$

Observable N-N-bar osc for **$M_{\text{seesaw}} \sim 10^{11} \text{ GeV}$** .

(Dutta, Mimura, RNM; PRL (2006))

Expectation for neutron- anti-neutron oscillation

- B-L violation at GUT scale leads to couplings

$$v_{BL} \Delta_{ud} \Delta_{ud} \Delta_{dd}$$

- $\rightarrow G_{n\bar{n}} = \frac{v_{BL} f^3}{M_{\Delta_{ud}}^4 M_{\Delta_{dd}}^2} = 10^{-29} \text{ GeV}^{-5} \rightarrow$

$$\tau_{n\bar{n}} \sim \frac{G_{n\bar{n}}}{\Lambda_{QCD}^6} \sim 10^{10} \text{ sec.}$$

- Observable with available reactor fluxes

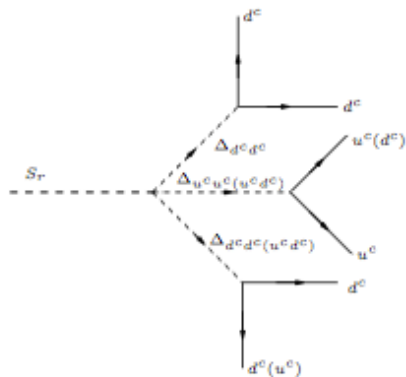


From Seesaw to NNbar: a group theoretic argument

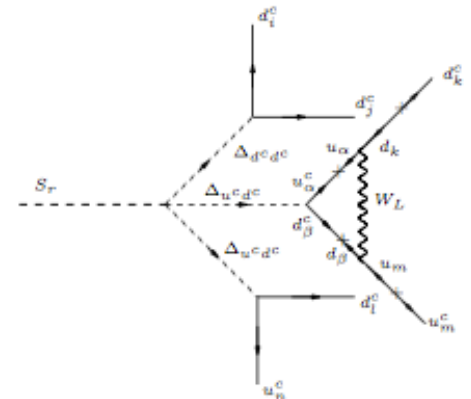
- Seesaw $\rightarrow \Delta L = 2$
 - Scale not M_{Pl} suggests new gauge sym (B-L)
 - $\rightarrow Q = I_{3L} + I_{3R} + \frac{B - L}{2}$
- $$\Delta Q = 0; \Delta I_{3L} = 0 \rightarrow \Delta I_{3R} = -\Delta \frac{B - L}{2}$$
- For hadrons only, $\rightarrow \Delta B = 2$ N-N-bar oscillation

Origin of matter and NNbar: TeV QL unif model

- Observation of NNbar will completely alter our thinking about the origin of matter.
- TeV QL model: NNbar transition in equilibrium 100 GeV
 ➡ will erase any pre-existing matter asym !!
- New way to create matter below electroweak scale:
 Six quark NNbar operator
 coupled to a scalar fie
 (Post-sphaleron
 Baryogenesis)
 (Babu, RNM, Nasri' 07)



+

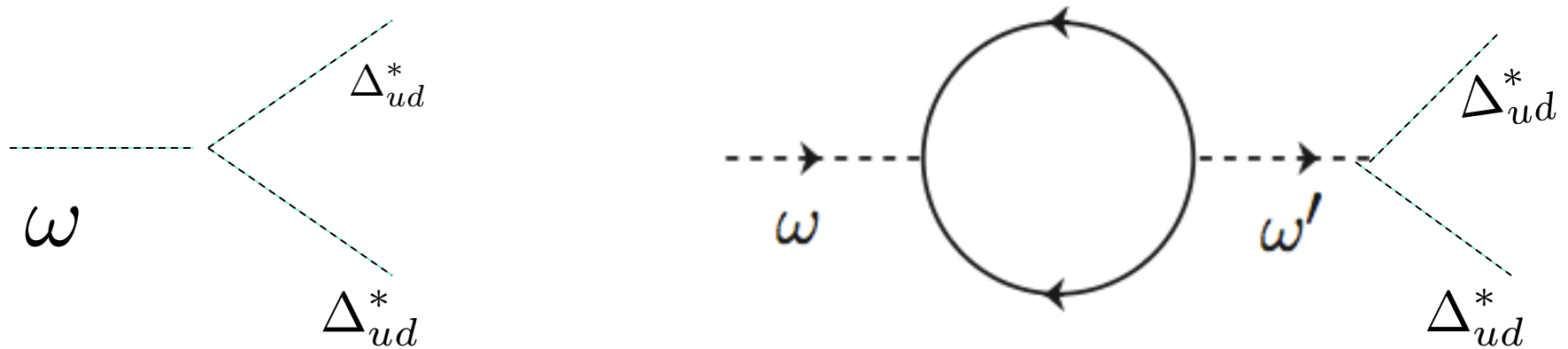


Low scale NNbar model and origin of matter

- Constraints on PSB in the $SU(2)_L \times SU(2)_R \times SU(4)_c$ model
 - i) $M_{\Delta_{qq}} > M_S$
 - ii) $1 \text{ GeV} < T_{S\text{-decay}} < 100 \text{ GeV}$
 - iii) $\Gamma_{S \rightarrow 6q} > \Gamma_{S \rightarrow Z q \bar{q}}$
 - iv) A neutrino mass fit+FCNC constraints
- For a $v_{B-L} < 50 \text{ TeV}$, these constraints upper bound NNbar transition time $< 10^{10} \text{ sec}$.
- **No NNbar till 10^{10} s. , will rule out this model for post sphaleron baryogenesis and NNbar oscillation if $v_{BL} < 50 \text{ TeV}$** (Babu, Dev, RNM'PRD'09; also B. D. M. Snow to appear.)

Origin of matter in SO(10) theory with $NN\bar{b}$

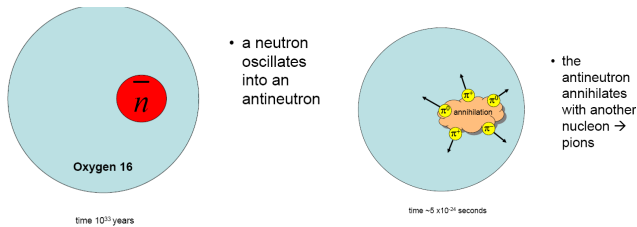
- Two sources of matter asymmetry:
 - Leptogenesis
 - B-L violating GUT scale by $\Delta_{dd}(\omega)$ decay



- Must occur above $T_{\text{sph}} \sim 10^{13} - 10^{12}$ GeV, below sphalerons are in eq. - ΔL must be out of eq. by T_{sph}

NNbar from di-nucleon decay

- Nucleon decay expts search for NNbar by looking for $NN \rightarrow \pi' s$ in a nucleus (Dover, Gal, Richards; Gal; Vainstein's talk)

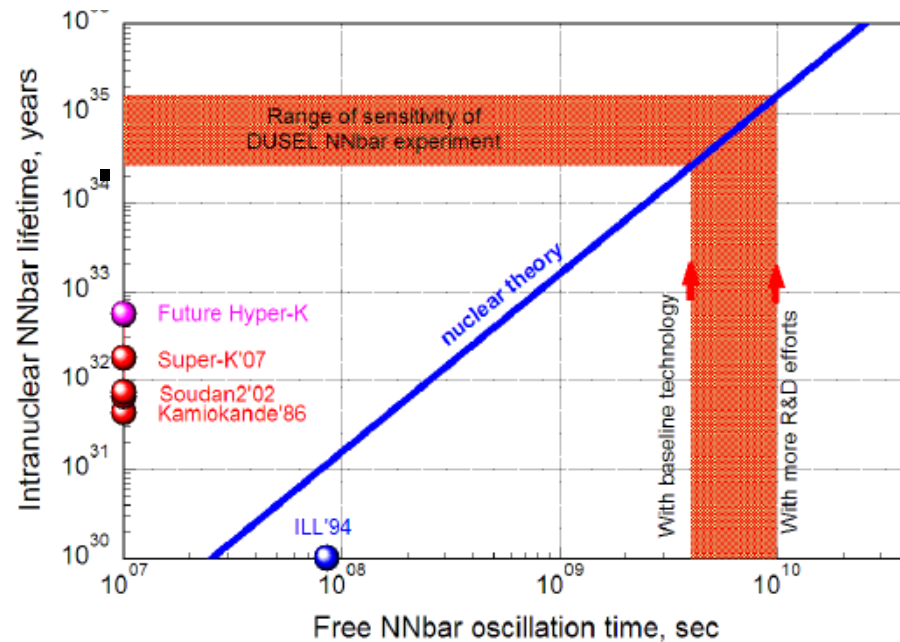


$$\tau_{Nuc} = R \tau^2_{free}$$

$$R = 0.3 \times 10^{23} \text{ sec}^{-1}$$

(Plot by Y. Kamyshev)

$$\tau_{n\bar{n}} > 2.44 \times 10^8 \text{ sec. (S-K, Abe et al.)}$$



- Free oscillation search much more effective !!



Unique way to test GUT scale seesaw

- A natural scale for seesaw is GUT scale and is certainly required if forces and matter unify !!
- Without susy, no way to test such theories except for $N\bar{N}$ oscillation or B-L violating nucleon decays.